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For: LOADING SYSTEM FOR SECURING CARGO IN THE BED  
OF A VEHICLE

1           1.     A loading system for securing cargo, the system comprising:  
2                     at least two spaced forwardly located pin and receptacle assemblies each  
3     including:  
4                     a pin biased outward with respect to a housing fixed to one of the  
5                     cargo and a vehicle, and  
6                     a receptacle on the other of the cargo and the vehicle for receiving  
7                     the pin to pre-load the cargo and to secure the cargo in vertical and  
8                     transverse directions; and  
9                     at least two spaced rearwardly located tensioning systems each including:  
10                    a member securable to one of the cargo and the vehicle,  
11                    a pivoting clamp handle secured to the other of the cargo and the  
12                    vehicle for tensioning the member, and  
13                    a member guide which orients the member at an angle with respect  
14                    to the vertical direction to secure the cargo in both the horizontal  
15                    and vertical directions.

1           2.     The system of claim 1 further including low friction strips running in the  
2     horizontal direction between the bed and the cargo assisting in deployment and stowage  
3     of the cargo.

1           3.     The system of claim 2 in which selected strips include a ridge for securing  
2     the cargo in the transverse direction.

1           4.     The system of claim 1 in which the cargo is a foldable command table  
2     including an aft section, a forward section, and an intermediate section hinged to the  
3     forward section and the aft section, and at least one bracket upstanding from the proximal  
4     end of the forward section supporting the distal end of the aft section when the aft section  
5     is folded up and over the forward section.

1           5.     The system of claim 4 in which the pin and receptacle assemblies are  
2     located at the proximal end of the forward section and the clamping systems are located  
3     on the intermediate section.

1           6.     The system of claim 1 in which the pin includes a tapered tip.

1           7.     The system of claim 1 in which a plurality of washers are disposed about  
2     the pin and received in the housing for biasing the pin.

1           8.     The system of claim 1 in which the receptacle is in the form of a block on  
2     the cargo with a cavity therein for receiving the pin.

1           9.     The system of claim 1 further including a clamp plate with an ear to which  
2     the handle is pivotably connected.

1                    10.    The system of claim 9 further including a strap guide is fixed to the clamp  
2        plate.

1                    11.    The system of claim 9 further including a tensioner pivotably connected to  
2        the handle.

1                    12.    The system of claim 9 in which the clamp plate is secured to the cargo.

1           13.     A loading system for securing a folding command table in the bed of a  
2     vehicle, the folding command table including an aft section, a forward section, an  
3     intermediate section hinged to the forward section and the aft section, and at least one  
4     bracket upstanding from the proximal end of the forward section supporting the distal end  
5     of the aft section when the aft section is folded up and over the forward section, the  
6     loading system comprising:

7                     at least two spaced forwardly located pin and receptacle assemblies each  
8     including:

9                     a receptacle on the table located proximate the intersection of the  
10                    bracket and the forward section of the table, and  
11                    a pin biased outward with respect to a housing fixed to the forward  
12                    section of the vehicle bed, the pin received in the receptacle to  
13                    secure the table in the vertical and transverse directions; and

14                   at least two spaced rearwardly located clamping systems each including:

15                   a clamp plate secured to the intermediate section of the table,  
16                   a clamp handle pivotable with respect to the clamp plate,  
17                   a strap tensioner pivotably connected to the handle,  
18                   a strap extending between the strap tensioner and the vehicle, and  
19                   a strap guide fixed to the clamp plate below the clamp handle to  
20                   orient the strap to secure the cargo in both the vertical and  
21                   horizontal directions.

1           14.     The system of claim 13 further including low friction strips running in the

2 horizontal direction between the bed and the cargo assisting in deployment and storage of  
3 the cargo.

1 15. The system of claim 14 in which selected strips include a ridge for  
2 securing the cargo in the transverse direction.

1 16. The system of claim 13 in which the pin includes a tapered tip.

1 17. The system of claim 13 in which a plurality of washers are disposed about  
2 the pin and received in the housing for biasing the pin.

1 18. The system of claim 13 in which the receptacle is in the form of a block  
2 with a cavity therein for receiving the pin.

1 19. The system of claim 14 in which the clamp plate includes an ear to which  
2 the handle is pivotably connected.

1                   20.     A loading system comprising:  
2                             at least one pin and receptacle assembly including a pin biased outwardly  
3     with respect to a housing and a receptacle for receiving the pin to pre-load cargo and  
4     secure the cargo in the vertical and transverse directions; and  
5                             at least one tensioning system for securing the cargo in both the horizontal  
6     and vertical directions.

1                   21.     The loading system of claim 20 in which the tensioning system includes:  
2                             a strap,  
3                             a pivoting clamp handle for tensioning the strap, and  
4                             a strap guide which orients the strap at an angle to secure the cargo in both  
5     the horizontal and vertical directions.

1                    22.     A loading system comprising:  
2                             a first assembly configured to pre-load cargo in the horizontal direction  
3     and to secure the cargo in the vertical and transverse directions; and  
4                             a tensioning assembly including a strap, a pivoting clamp handle for  
5     tensioning the strap, and a strap guide which orients the strap at an angle to secure the  
6     cargo in both the vertical and horizontal connections.

1                    23.     The loading system of claim 22 in which the first assembly includes a  
2     deflectable pin and receptacle assembly.

1                    24.    A loading system comprising:  
2                                first means for securing cargo in the vertical and transverse directions and  
3    for pre-loading the cargo in the horizontal direction; and  
4                                second means for securing the cargo in both the horizontal and vertical  
5    directions.

1                    25.    The loading system of claim 24 in which the first means is a forwardly  
2    located deflectable pin and receptacle assembly.

1                    26.    The loading system of claim 24 in which the second means is a rearwardly  
2    located tensioning system.